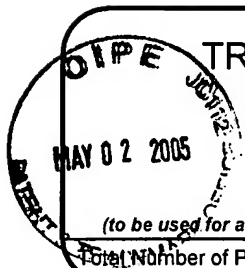
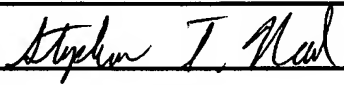
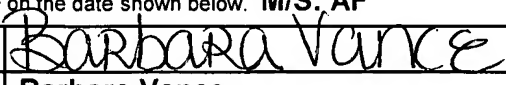


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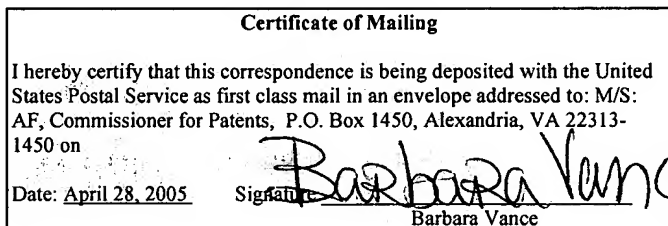


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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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